

CITY OF BURBANK

SENIOR GROUNDSKEEPER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to direct a crew and performs a variety of skilled work in the propagation, planting, irrigation, and maintenance of landscape areas in parks, medians, parkways, and public grounds; to direct and perform maintenance of park facilities; and to do related work as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Directs, trains, and participates in the maintenance of public buildings, parks, and median facilities; directs, trains, and participates in the mowing, edging, weeding, raking, fertilizing, watering, spraying, litter removal, and renovating of designated areas; sprays insecticides, herbicides and fungicides on lawns, shrubs, and trees; propagates by seeding, cuttings, root divisions, and other authorized methods; operates mowers, renovators, sprayers, cultivators, hedge trimmers, and other specialized power equipment; operates a two-way radio; drives trucks, tractors, backhoe, skiploader, trencher, and other City vehicles; ensures safety of property and persons by placing or directing to be placed warning devices and other safety apparatus at job sites and special events; assists in the maintenance of safety and training records; completes work orders, materials requisitions, and simple written reports and records; orders supplies and equipment; maintains and repairs irrigation systems; maintains athletic fields and game courts, including renovation work; performs general maintenance and minor repairs on equipment; performs rough carpentry and cement work; repairs sidewalks and walkways; loads and unloads equipment and supplies; inspects play equipment to assure safe operation; makes minor repairs to play equipment; assists supervisors in the review of landscape and irrigation plans; provides the public with information regarding the proper use of City parks, facilities, and programs; assists in the prevention of vandalism and facility abuse through active observation; reports vandalism, hazards, damage to equipment, or disorderly conduct immediately to the proper authorities; attends training courses as directed; works nights, weekends, and holidays in all weather conditions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Employment Standards:

- Knowledge of - applicable safety rules, practices, and procedures; common hand tools and other equipment used in maintenance of grounds and parks; the use, care, and maintenance of various power equipment; propagation, planting, cultivating, fertilizing, watering, and spraying; maintenance of athletic fields and common plants found in public areas throughout the City; irrigation systems.
- Skill in - working with various segments of the population in a variety of situations; discerning potentially dangerous situations; observation; training others in assigned duties and fostering a teamwork environment; physical agility and stamina to perform essential functions.
- Ability to - operate power, automotive, and other specialized equipment; perform minor repairs on equipment and apparatus used in the landscape field; carry out proper safety procedures, including those involving the application of pesticides; spray; perform rough carpentry and cement work; follow instructions and directions; learn, comprehend, and apply department policies and regulations; read, write, and communicate in English at an appropriate level; maintain simple, accurate records; coordinate and direct the work of others; provide clear work instructions; work in a park/forest/hillside environment in all weather conditions; work nights, weekends, holidays, and odd-hours when necessary; recall and describe people and incidents to proper authorities; establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, fellow employees, and the public.

Education/Training: Two years of experience in grounds maintenance or gardening work.

Special Conditions & Requirements: Employees in this classification will be required to comply with the American National Standards Institute's requirements on Practices for Respiratory Protection.

License & Certificates: A valid California Class "A" driver's license or equivalent at time of appointment.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Desirable Qualifications: Pesticide Applicator's License.